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Mark yonder ruin, blackening where
The blasted stone stands high and bare;
Once it was, a castle fair!

Within its walls dwelt maidens three;
Twin were their eyes and their hair;
Once it was, a castle fair!

Two girls and a dove, in youth,
For years were fair and true;
Perish all greatness and truth!

All hill and valley, far and near,
And down the stream, and up the steep,
The light of heaven is here!

And the maidens' bright hair;
And the dove's pure white wing;
And the sun is up, and I have to go!

And like the angels she was pure,
God's angel was her name;
And the sun is up, and I have to go!

The other twins were Elysian's daughters,
Whom every breeze, she spreads a pall
Of incense on the air.

Mid-ship thoughts grew in her brain,
Like leaves of green in caves unseen,
Unseen it was to tell each while

They practiced, waving white sails,
Uttering soft, singing words of love,
There came a day of festive life

With guests of great and good,
And many an eye was looking forth,
To see that lovely girl, who said,
"I venture like her spirit, white!"

A golden sun around her waist,
And wreaths of pearl on her hair,
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